

# Practitioner's Docket No.



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#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Box Patent Application** Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

#### **NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

WARNING: 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(a)(1) points out:

"(a) A patent is applied for in the name or names of the actual inventor or inventors.

"(1) The inventorship of a nonprovisional application is that inventorship set forth in the oath or declaration as prescribed by § 1.63, except as provided for in § 1.53(d)(4) and § 1.63(d). If an oath or declaration as prescribed by § 1.63 is not filed during the pendency of a nonprovisional application, the inventorship is that inventorship set forth in the application papers filed pursuant to § 1.53(b), unless a petition under this paragraph accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.17(i) is filed supplying or changing the name or names of the inventor or inventors."

For (title): System and Method for Real-Time Electronic Inquiry, Delivery, and Reporting of Credit Information

# CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10\*

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I hereby certify that this New Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date Oct. 19. 1999 as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," mailing Label Number <u>EE4367206681</u> dressed to the: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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### 1. Type of Application

This new application is for a(n)

(check one applicable item below)

×	Original (nonprovisional)
	Design
	☐ Plant
WARNIN	G: Do not use this transmittal for a completion in the U.S. of an International Application under 35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4), unless the International Application is being filed as a divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application.
WARNIN	G: Do not use this transmittal for the filing of a provisional application.
•	f one of the following 3 items apply, then complete and attach ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF A PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION CLAIMED and a NOTIFICATION IN PARENT APPLICATION OF THE FILING OF THIS CONTINUATION APPLICATION.
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	Continuation.
	Continuation-in-part (C-I-P).
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### π or Prior U.S. Application(s) (35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e), 120, or 121)

NOTE: A nonprovisional application may claim an invention disclosed in one or more prior filed copending nonprovisional applications or copending international applications designating the United States of America. In order for a nonprovisional application to claim the benefit of a prior filed copending nonprovisional application or copending international application designating the United States of America, each prior application must name as an inventor at least one inventor named in the later filed nonprovisional application and disclose the named inventor's invention claimed in at least one claim of the later filed nonprovisional application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Each prior application must also be:

- (i) An international application entitled to a filing date in accordance with PCT Article 11 and designating the United States of America; or
  - (ii) Complete as set forth in § 1.51(b); or
- (iii) Entitled to a filing date as set forth in § 1.53(b) or § 1.53(d) and include the basic filing fee set forth in § 1.16; or
- (iv) Entitled to a filing date as set forth in § 1.53(b) and have paid therein the processing and retention fee set forth in § 1.21(I) within the time period set forth in § 1.53(f).

37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(1).

NOTE: If the new application being transmitted is a divisional, continuation or a continuation-in-part of a parent case, or where the parent case is an International Application which designated the U.S., or benefit of a prior provisional application is claimed, then check the following item and complete and attach ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICA-TION(S) CLAIMED.

WARNING: If an application claims the benefit of the filing date of an earlier filed application under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120, 121 or 365(c), the 20-year term of that application will be based upon the filing date of the earliest U.S. application that the application makes reference to under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120, 121 or 365(c). (35 U.S.C. § 154(a)(2) does not take into account, for the determination of the patent term, any application on which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119, 365(a) or 365(b).) For a c-i-p application, applicant should review whether any claim in the patent that will issue is supported by an earlier application and, if not, the applicant should consider canceling the reference to the earlier filed application. The term of a patent is not based on a claim-by-claim approach. See Notice of April 14, 1995, 60 Fed. Reg. 20,195, at 20,205.

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WARI	VING.	When the last day of pendency of a provisional application falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, any nonprovisional application claiming benefit of the provisional application must be filed prior to the Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3).
		The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. application(s). Enclosed are ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED.
3. Pa	per	Enclosed
		ired for filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 gn) Application
21	_ Pa	es of specification
_9	_ Pa	es of claims
16	_ Sh	ets of drawing
WARi	NING:	<b>DO NOT</b> submit original drawings. A high quality copy of the drawings should be supplied when filing a patent application. The drawings that are submitted to the Office must be on strong, white, smooth, and non-shiny paper and meet the standards according to § 1.84. If corrections to the drawings are necessary, they should be made to the original drawing and a high-quality copy of the corrected original drawing then submitted to the Office. Only one copy is required or desired. For comments on proposed then-new 37 C.F.R. § 1.84, see Notice of March 9, 1988 (1990 O.G. 57-62).
NOTE	inv the	ntifying indicia, if provided, should include the application number or the title of the invention, intor's name, dodket number (if any), and the name and telephone number of a person to call if Office is unable to match the drawings to the proper application. This information should be placed the back of each sheet of drawing a minimum distance of 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch) down from the top see page " 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c)).
		(complete the following, if applicable)
		The enclosed drawing(s) are photograph(s), and there is also attached a PETITION TO ACCEPT PHOTOGRAPH(S) AS DRAWING(S)." 27 C.F.R. 1.84(b).
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		mendment to claims
		Cancel in this applications claims before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
		Add the claims shown on the attached amendment. (Claims added have been numbered consecutively following the highest numbered original claims.)
		Preliminary Amendment
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	X	form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
	×	Citations
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	] Dec	laration of Biological Deposit
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OTE:	the price by all construction application the sign by a state being to declarate person.	executed declaration is not required in a continuation or divisional application provided that it nonprovisional application contained a declaration as required, the application being filed is it fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, there is no new matter in the prior being filed, and a copy of the executed declaration filed in the prior application (showing lature or an indication thereon that it was signed) is submitted. The copy must be accompanied atterment requesting deletion of the names of person(s) who are not inventors of the application filed. If the declaration in the prior application was filed under § 1.47, then a copy of that the filed accompanied by a copy of the decision granting § 1.47 status or, if a nonsigning under § 1.47 has subsequently joined in a prior application, then a copy of the subsequently id declaration must be filed. See 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(1)–(3).
ОТЕ:	is direct abbrevi country C.F.R.	ration filed to complete an application must be executed, identify the specification to which it ted, identify each inventor by full name including family name and at least one given name, without ation together with any other given name or initial, and the residence, post office address and or citizenship of each inventor, and state whether the inventor is a sole or joint inventor. 37 § 1.63(a)(1)-(4).
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	Exe	cuted by Shad Hedy
		(check all applicable boxes)
	×	inventor(s).
		legal representative of inventor(s). 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.42 or 1.43.
		joint inventor or person showing a proprietary interest on behalf of inventor who refused to sign or cannot be reached.
		☐ This is the petition required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 and the statement required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 is also attached. See item 13 below for fee.
	_	Enclosed.
IOTE:	the U.S	the filing is a completion in the U.S. of an International Application or where the completion of 6. application contains subject matter in addition to the International Application, the application 6 treated as a continuation or continuation-in-part, as the case may be, utilizing ADDED PAGE EW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION CLAIMED.
	X	Application is made by a person authorized under 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c) on behalf of all the above named inventor(s).

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(The declaration or oath, along with the surcharge required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) can be filed subsequently).
Showing that the filing is authorized. (not required unless called into question. 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(d))
3. Inventorship Statement
<b>WARNING:</b> If the named inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims an explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.
The inventorship for all the claims in this application are:
☑ The same.
or
□ Not the same. An explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time the last claimed invention was made,
☐ is submitted.
☐ will be submitted.
7. Language
NOTE: An application including a signed oath or declaration may be filed in a language other than English. An English translation of the non-English language application and the processing fee of \$130.00 required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(k) is required to be filed with the application, or within such time as may be set by the Office. 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(d).
☑ English
☐ Non-English
☐ The attached translation includes a statement that the translation is accurate. 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(d).
8. Assignment
☐ An assignment of the invention to <u>Advanced Business</u>
Computers of America, Inc.
is attached. A separate _ "COVER" SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) ACCOMPANYING NEW PATENT APPLICATION" on _ FORM PTO 1595 is also attached.
☐ will follow.
NOTE: "If an assignment is submitted with a new application, send two separate letters-one for the application and one for the assignment." Notice of May 4, 1990 (1114/0.G. 77-78).
WARNING: A newly executed "CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)" must be filed when a continuation-in-part application is filed by an assignee. Notice of April 30, 1993, 1150 O.G. 62-64.
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## 9. Certified Copy

Certified copy(ies) of application(s)

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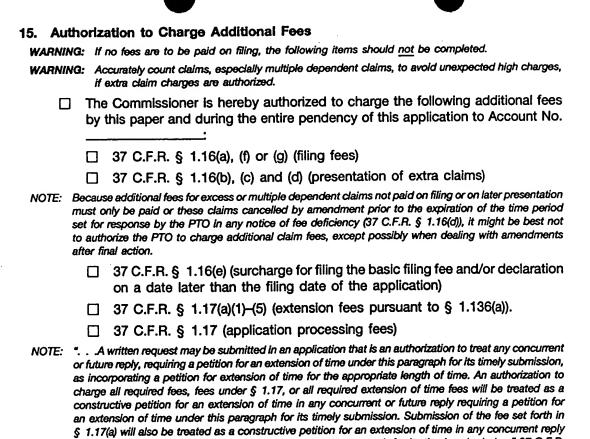
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1.	Smal	I Entity Statement(s	)	
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			Petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors or person on behalf of the inventor where inventor refused to sign or cannot be reached (\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.47 and 1.17(i))		\$ .		
			For processing an application with a specification in a non-English language (\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.52(d) and 1.17(k))		\$.		
			Processing and retention fee (\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.53(d) and 1.21(l))		\$.		
			Fee for international-type search report (\$40.00; 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(e))		\$ .		
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§ 1.136(a)(3).



☐ 37 C.F.R. § 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.311(b))

requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission." 37 C.F.R.

NOTE: Where an authorization to charge the issue fee to a deposit account has been filed before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, the issue fee will be automatically charged to the deposit account at the time of mailing the notice of allowance. 37 C.F.R. § 1.311(b).

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b) requires "Notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application . . . prior to paying, or at the time of paying, . . . the issue fee. . . " From the wording of 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b), (a) notification of change of status must be made even if the fee is paid as "other than a small entity" and (b) no notification is required if the change is to another small entity.

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6. Ins	tructions as to Overpayment
NOTE:	" Amounts of twenty-five dollars or less will not be returned unless specifically requested with a reasonable time, nor will the payer be notified of such amounts; amounts over twenty-five dollars may be returned by check or, if requested, by credit to a deposit account." 37 C.F.R. § 1.26(a).
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Incorp	poration by reference of added pages
pr sta th	neck the following item if the application in this transmittal claims the benefit of ior U.S. application(s) (including an international application entering the U.S. age as a continuation, divisional or C-I-P application) and complete and attache ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF RIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED)
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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Shad Hedy

Title:

System and Method for Real-Time Electronic Inquiry,

Delivery, and Reporting of Credit Information

Express Mail No.:

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Date of Deposit:

Oct. 19, 1999

### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I hereby certify that the subject non-provisional patent application is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail Post Office to Addressee No. EE436720668US on Oct. 19,1999 and is addressed to Box PATENT APPLICATION, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, together with:

- Check for \$473.00 for basic filing fee;
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- Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status
- Patent Recordation Form Cover Sheet;
- Patent Assignment Cover Sheet;
- Patent Assignment Agreement;
- Information Disclosure Statement Transmittal, together with Form PTO-1449 and a copy of each and every cited reference;
- Transmittal letter;
- Specification, Claims, and Abstract: # of sheets 31;

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Drawings: # of sheets 16; and

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Respectfully Submitted,

C. Joan Gilsdorf

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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

United States Patent Application

for

System and Method for Real-Time Electronic Inquiry, Delivery, and Reporting of Credit Information



#### TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Petitioner, Advanced Business Computers of America, Inc., a Florida small business, located at 233 East State Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202, prays that U.S. Letters Patent may be granted to Advanced Business Computers of America, Inc. as the assignee and owner of all rights, title and interests to this application and the subject matter set forth in the following specification.

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Inventor - Assignor

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